

MINUTES OF COUNCIL STUDY MEETING – JANUARY 12, 2010

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THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MET IN STUDY SESSION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010, AT 4:30 P.M., IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, WEST VALLEY CITY HALL, 3600 CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD, WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH. MAYOR WINDER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Mike Winder
Steve Buhler
Carolynn Burt
Don Christensen
Joel Coleman

Wayne Pyle, City Manager
Sheri McKendrick, City Recorder

ABSENT:

Russ Brooks
Steve Vincent

STAFF PRESENT:

Paul Isaac, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Astill, Parks and Recreation Director
Russell Willardson, Public Works Director
Buzz Nielsen, Police Chief
John Evans, Fire Chief
Jim Welch, Finance Director
Nicole Cottle, CED Director
Layne Morris, Community Preservation Director
Richard Catten, City Attorney
Nancy Day, Parks and Recreation Department
Jason Erikson, Parks and Recreation Department
Mike Richards, Parks and Recreation Department
John Brubaker, Parks and Recreation Department
Phil Markham, Public Works Department
Dan Johnson, Public Works Department
John Janson, CED Department
Steve Pastorik, CED Department
Frank Lilly, CED Department
Rachel White, Law Department
Craig Black, Police Department
Aaron Crim, Administration

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Jake Arslanian, Public Works Department

1. **REVIEW AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED JANUARY 12, 2010**

Mayor Winder noted no new items had been added to the Agenda for the Regular Meeting scheduled to be held January 12, 2010, at 6:30 P.M. There were no questions regarding items scheduled on the subject agenda.

2. **AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS SCHEDULED JANUARY 19, 2010:**

A. **CRAIG THOMAS, NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AWARD TO WEST VALLEY CITY**

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, stated Craig Thomas, Neighborhood Services, would present the National Night Out Award to West Valley City at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled January 19, 2010, at 6:30 P.M. He also advised a reception for the participating neighborhood groups would be held that same night just prior to the Council Regular Meeting. Thereupon, a draft agenda for the reception program was distributed and discussed by members of the City Council.

3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED JANUARY 19, 2010:**

A. **APPLICATION NO. GP-1-2009, FILED BY WEST VALLEY CITY, REQUESTING TO AMEND THE WEST VALLEY CITY GENERAL PLAN TO UPDATE THE HUNTER TOWN CENTER SMALL AREA PLAN AND SUPPORT CHANGES TO THE GENERAL PLAN MAP AND TEXT**

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, stated a public hearing had been advertised for the Regular Council Meeting scheduled January 19, 2010, at 6:30 P.M., in order for the City Council to hear and consider public comments regarding Application No. GP-1-2009, filed by West Valley City, requesting to amend the West Valley City General Plan to update the Hunter Town Center Small Area Plan and support changes to the General Plan map and text. He discussed proposed Ordinance No. 10-02 related to the Application to be considered by the City Council subsequent to the public hearing, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 10-02, ADOPTING THE HUNTER TOWN CENTER SMALL AREA PLAN AND APPROVING SUPPORTING CHANGES TO THE GENERAL PLAN MAP AND TEXT

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, discussed proposed Ordinance No. 10-02 which would adopt the Hunter Town Center Small Area Plan and approve supporting changes to the General Plan map and text.

Mr. Pyle stated the Hunter Town Center Small Area Plan addressed the area between approximately 3300 South and 3700 South and between approximately

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5500 West and 5700 West. He advised the current General Plan included the following actions:

- Identify small areas to begin preparing specific plans to provide more detail for orderly growth and appropriate development. Areas that may be aided by such small area master plans include Chesterfield, transit station areas, as well as the Redwood Road, 5600 West and 3500 South corridors. These master plans should complement the General Plan while providing greater land use detail and urban design criteria to guide the adoption of zoning that will help the particular area to achieve anticipated or desired changes.
- Develop small area plans as time and resources permit for specific corridors or other areas in the City where specific design standards are desired.

Mr. Pyle reported to begin implementation of these recommended actions, staff began working with the Planning Center, a planning consulting firm, in the latter part of 2008, to develop a small area plan for the area around the intersection of 5600 West and 3500 South. During the planning process, this area had been named Hunter Town Center. He further indicated the Planning Center had been paid by the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), as UDOT had an interest in promoting transit-oriented development (TOD) along 5600 West due to the planned bus rapid transit (BRT) along 5600 West and 3500 South.

The City Manager stated there were essentially three recommended changes to the General Plan as part of this application: the first to adopt the Hunter Town Center Small Area Plan; the second to amend the text of the current General Plan to reference and integrate with the Hunter Town Center Small Area Plan; and third to amend the current General Plan map to reference and integrate with the Hunter Town Center Small Area Plan Map. He advised members of the City Council that each of the three changes were fully described in Exhibits A, B and C attached to the proposed ordinance.

Steve Pastorik, CED Department, further reviewed the Application and proposed Ordinance. He also reviewed and discussed the amendments and design guidelines in detail, displayed and discussed the current General Plan map and proposed changes, and answered questions from members of the City Council.

Mayor Winder noted there were citizens in attendance interested in this proposal and he extended an opportunity for them to ask questions.

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The City Council will hold a public hearing regarding Application No. GP-1-2009 and consider proposed Ordinance No. 10-02 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled January 19, 2010, at 6:30 P.M.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 10-07, AUTHORIZE WEST VALLEY CITY TO PURCHASE RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT FROM MOTOROLA FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, discussed proposed Resolution No. 10-07 which would authorize West Valley City to purchase radio communication systems and equipment from Motorola, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00, for use by the Police Department.

Mr. Pyle stated the five dual control mobile radios and five hand held radios would be utilized in the Watch Commander vehicles to increase their ability to effectively communicate to multiple officers/agencies by giving them access to additional radios/controls. He advised vehicle radio chargers would be purchased for every officer giving them the ability to charge their hand held radios in the police vehicle.

The City Manager advised formal bidding would not be required because this vendor, Motorola, held a contract with the State of Utah. He stated the Police Department had obtained a grant allowing them to update and equip the named vehicles with the necessary equipment to respond to major incidents and have the necessary equipment in the vehicles to manage those incidents.

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, further reviewed the proposed Resolution and answered questions from members of the City Council.

The City Council will consider proposed Resolution No. 10-07 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled January 19, 2010, at 6:30 P.M.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

A. **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATION**

Public Works Director, Russell Willardson, distributed copies of the Public Works Department Strategic Plan presentation.

Using PowerPoint, Mr. Willardson discussed and presented information summarized as follows:

- Organizational chart
- Department action items related to Council Strategic Plan goals
- Upcoming issues regarding sanitation contract with ACE Disposal
- Review of goals regarding neighborhood dumpsters, street sweeping, traffic management and control, curb, gutter and sidewalk, and trail systems

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- Solutions regarding east/west traffic congestion, benchmarks, data regarding travel time studies
- Overview of pavement management program
- Major street construction
- Class C Fund revenues and distribution
- Facilities – buildings maintained, recent capital improvements, upcoming projects, annual repair and replacement costs for City facilities
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funding
- Fleet Management including funding for vehicle replacement

During the above presentation of information, Mr. Willardson answered questions from members of the City Council.

B. **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATION**

Parks and Recreation Director, Kevin Astill, distributed written information related to the Parks and Recreation Department Strategic Plan presentation.

Using PowerPoint, Mr. Astill, discussed and presented information summarized as follows:

- Overview of Department and Division action items relating to City Council Strategic Plan goals
- Overview of programs, services and responsibilities of each Division, including Park Maintenance, Recreation, Harman Home, Fitness Center, and Golf Courses
- Review of projects funded with Park Impact Fees
- Summary

During the above presentation of information, Mr. Astill answered questions from members of the City Council.

C. **MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVE DISCUSSION**

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, reminded that Councilmember Burt had previously requested consideration by the City Council of a new representative to the Municipal Association of Councils. Councilmember Burt stated all members of the City Council were invited to attend. The City Manager recommended one member of the Council be appointed to act as the City's representative in that regard.

Mayor Winder expressed appreciation to Councilmember Burt's service over the past ten years. Councilmember Burt responded it would be a great opportunity for

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one of the new Council members to serve as the City's representative, thereupon Councilmember Christensen stated he would be willing to serve as the City's representative to the Municipal Association of Councils.

D. **MAYOR VEHICLE USE DISCUSSION**

Mayor Winder reintroduced discussion regarding use of a City vehicle by the mayor and updated the Council regarding research completed by City staff. He indicated the Council had approved a resolution to purchase a vehicle for use by the former Mayor, Dennis Nordfelt.

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, reintroduced concerns previously expressed by Councilmember Brooks regarding use of City vehicles for private use. Councilmember Brooks had expressed a desire to see a compromise that if the City vehicle was used for private purposes the gas would be reimbursed. The City Manager advised that Mayor Winder's employer reimbursed him for use of a vehicle for business purposes.

Mr. Pyle reported the Council could leave the use as it was currently and as it had been for the previous mayor, or take another action if the Council so desired.

Mayor Winder stated when the time came to upgrade or pass along the car he would like to see a more efficient and smaller vehicle for the mayor's use.

Councilmember Burt stated she recalled reasons for providing the former Mayor with a vehicle was that he took on some extra duties when the City Manager had been deployed for military duty. She expressed concerns the press would report the mayor as making a personal profit for using a City vehicle and the City would be opened up to "bad press." She reminded all Council members had assignments and used their own vehicles and gas for those specific City assignments. She stated she was not in favor of providing a vehicle but rather would support an increase in a car allowance.

Councilmember Buhler inquired if a car was compensation to be taxed or if it was a tool to use in doing a job. He expressed some concern with treating mayors differently as there would seem to be the same requirements and demands of each mayor.

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, responded that personal miles needed to be reported as taxable income per IRS rules.

Councilmember Rushton expressed his opinion indicating agreement all mayors should be treated the same. He stated the fleet was managed by City staff and the Council should not micro manage. He further stated the timing for a mayor's car

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should be addressed at a different time and his personal opinion would be to give a more generous car allowance rather than a vehicle.

Councilmember Christensen stated he had been on both sides of this issue during his employment and it could go either way for a mayor. He also stated, in some cases, it might be less expensive to provide a vehicle rather than a car allowance. He indicated the need to look at it carefully to determine what was best for the City.

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, concurred there could be many variables requiring scrutiny by the City Council.

Mayor Winder stated he desired to do what was right and not ask for anything more than his predecessor had received. He indicated the resolution authorizing purchase and use of a vehicle for the mayor would stand until, or if, the Council decided to change it. He advised the Council of his agreement to reimburse the City for any business use of the vehicle. He requested the City Manager to advise the Council if a car allowance would be more economical.

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, stated it was not really a matter of huge financial consideration and discussed those reasons. He indicated a car was already purchased and Mayor Winder had expressed a preference for a smaller and newer car that was already being purchased for the fleet. The City Manager discussed the thought processes used in determining the rate of car allowance and if it covered the actual costs. Mr. Pyle advised that, in his mind, the Council had already made that decision several years ago when the subject resolution had been approved.

Councilmember Rushton stated he remained comfortable with allowing the City Manager to continue to manage the fleet and maintain the status quo pursuant to the existing resolution. Councilmember Buhler concurred.

E. **COUNCIL UPDATE**

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, stated the City Council had previously received a Memorandum outlining upcoming meetings and events as follows: January 18, 2010: Martin Luther King Day Holiday – City Hall closed; January 19, 2010: Valley Fair Mall Groundbreaking (west parking lot) 11:30 A.M.; January 19, 2010: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; January 19, 2010: Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission's "Drum Major Award" Luncheon, UCCC, 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.; January 26, 2010: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; January 27, 2010: ULCT Local Officials Day at the Legislature; January 29 & 30, 2010: Council Strategic Plan Workshop, UCCC; February 2, 2010: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; February 9, 2010: Council Study

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Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; February 15, 2010: President's Day Holiday – City Hall closed; February 16, 2010: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; and February 23, 2010: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

6. COUNCIL REPORTS:

A. COUNCILMEMBER COREY RUSHTON – COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG) AND OPEN HOUSE REGARDING LODESTONE PARK

Councilmember Rushton reported regarding a recent Council of Governments (COG) meeting attended by himself and Mayor Winder. He distributed copies of a proposed resolution being considered by COG and requested input from members of the City Council.

Councilmember Rushton also discussed an open house sponsored by Salt Lake County regarding Lodestone Park which he would attend on the upcoming Thursday.

B. COUNCILMEMBER DON CHRISTENSEN – VISIT TO AMERICAN PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Councilmember Christensen reported regarding a recent visit with Mayor Winder to the American Preparatory Charter School.

Councilmember Christensen also reported regarding a meeting with a representative from the Governor's Office that would like to establish a community committee of certain ethnic groups in West Valley City.

C. COUNCILMEMBER CAROLYNN BURT – COMMUNITY EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (CEP)

Councilmember Burt expressed appreciation to the City Manager for allowing Ron Hamm of The Ferguson Group to work with the Community Education Partnership (CEP). She indicated that organization had received some appropriations and would apply for certain grant funding through the U.S. Department of Education.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE WEST VALLEY COUNCIL, THE STUDY MEETING OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010, WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M., BY MAYOR WINDER.

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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, accurate and complete record of the proceedings of the Study Meeting of the West Valley City Council held Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

Sheri McKendrick, MMC
City Recorder

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